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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		"Spin-Valve-Like Ferromagnetic Tunnel Junction" (K.Kobayashi et al., The Magnetism Society of Japan, Vol. 112-2, 1999, page 11-18) with its English Abstract
		"High thermal stability tunnel junctions", (S. Cardoso et al., Journal of Applied Physics, Vol. 87, No. 9, 2000, page 6058-6060
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